

Sahuaro Weekly Update

"Where neighbors help neighbors build community."



Vice Mayor Steve Frate, Glendale Arizona

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Update on Potential Transit Strike. The potential strike over contract negotiations with one of the city of Phoenix transit service operators, Veolia, on its union collective bargaining agreements has been averted for now. Parties are continuing to negotiate with a new deadline of August 15. The city of Glendale will continue to monitor this situation and will inform the public regarding any potential affects to bus service.



Recreation Swim Open until August 7. Still looking for a way to cool off in the Arizona heat? The Foothills Recreation and Aquatic Center pool is open for recreation swim until August 7. Bring the entire family and enjoy floating around the lazy river, the thrill of 2 giant slides, spraying water in the play pool, or just leisurely swimming. Children under 3 are free of charge for recreational swim. Residents interested in purchasing a resident's pass must bring a Glendale water bill or other approved proof of residency.

Foothills Recreation and Aquatic Center also offers a variety of indoor activities to escape the heat. Residents can participate in educational, recreational, fitness and social activities through classes, special events and ongoing center activities. Foothills Recreation and Aquatic Center is located at 5600 W. Union Hills Drive. For hours of operation and rate information, [click here](#) or call 623-930-4600.



Job Searching Open Lab. Need help applying for a job or creating a resume? The Main Library is offering a Job Searching Open Lab through September 30. During these labs, Steve Schrade, former Human Resources Director for Basha's and current Estrella Community College instructor, will be available to help participants with job searching, online employment applications, writing resumes and more. Labs are first come, first served, so mark your calendars for the following dates and times:

Tuesday, August 3, 10 am – 12 pm
Tuesday, August 10, 10 am – 12 pm
Tuesday, August 17, 10 am – 12 pm
Tuesday, August 24, 10 am – 12 pm

Thursday, September 9, 1 pm – 3 pm
Tuesday, September 14, 10 am – 12 pm
Tuesday, September 21, 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
Thursday September 30, 10 am – 12 pm

The Glendale Main Library is located at 5959 W. Brown Street. For more information about the Job Searching Open Lab and other programs happening at Glendale libraries, call 623-930-3530.

How to Become Water Wise – Water Conservation Tips. We live in a beautiful, thriving community... the Valley of the Sun. But because we do live in a desert, water is our most important and precious resource. Water is the lifeblood of the Valley. So we must all do our part to use water wisely and ensure an adequate water supply for ourselves and future generations. Water conservation not only will help save water, it will also save you money. The following tips can help you do your part to live a more water-wise lifestyle.

CONSTRUCTION INFORMATION

Loop 101 will be closed overnight several days next week as work continues on the Union Hills Bridge widening project.

There are also some extended closures that begin next week, including the closure of Beardsley Road at 83rd Avenue.

Upcoming Restrictions

Driveway on north side of Wal-Mart Shopping Center (83rd Avenue and Union Hills Drive) closed up to four weeks for reconstruction.

DETOUR: The traffic signal at 8260 W. Union Hills in and out of shopping center will remain in operation.
9 a.m. Monday (Aug. 2) - Aug. 30

Beardsley Road closed between 82nd and 83rd avenues.

DETOUR: 81st Avenue south to Oraibi Drive, or 81st Avenue north to Lone Cactus Drive, west to 83rd Avenue and then south to Lake Pleasant Parkway.
9 a.m. Monday - 5 p.m. Friday (Aug. 6)

Southbound Loop 101 closed at Union Hills Drive for concrete pour on the bridge.

DETOUR: Traffic will use off- and on-ramps at Union Hills Drive to bypass the closure.
9 p.m. Tuesday - 5 a.m. Wednesday (Aug. 4)
9 p.m. Wednesday - 5 a.m. Thursday (Aug. 5)

Northbound Loop 101 closed at Union Hills Drive for concrete pour on the bridge.

DETOUR: Traffic will use off- and on-ramps at Union Hills Drive to bypass the closure.
9 p.m. Thursday - 5 a.m. Friday (Aug. 6)
11 p.m. Friday - 7 a.m. Saturday (Aug. 7)

[Read more](#)

Water Conservation Tips:

In the Bathroom

- Check faucets, pipes, and toilets for leaks.
- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth or shaving.
- Limit showers to five minutes.
- Avoid using your toilet for a wastebasket or ashtray. Extra flushes waste water.

In the Kitchen & Laundry Room

- Automatic dishwashers and washing machines are more efficient if run only when they are full.
- When washing dishes by hand, don't let the tap run freely to rinse.
- Fill a pitcher with drinking water and store it in the refrigerator.

Outside

- When washing the car, use soap and water from a bucket. Use a hose with a shut-off nozzle for the final rinse.
- Adjust sprinklers so only the lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk, or street and maintain sprinklers regularly.
- Water your lawn every third day and do not water on windy days.
- Always water during the cool time of the day to minimize evaporation.
- Adjust your irrigation schedule to accommodate changes in seasonal water demand.
- Install an automatic timer.
- For landscaping, use native or other low water use plants.

To learn more about water conservation [click here](#). In our desert environment, times of drought are far more common than times of plenty. Don't let Arizona's precious resource drip away carelessly. Adopt a water-wise lifestyle.

Around Town

[Click here](#) for the City Council meeting schedule.

Upcoming Election Information. The next City of Glendale election will be a primary held on August 24, 2010. [Read more.](#)

Reel Talk Film Series. Iron Man (2008), starring Robert Downey, Jr., Gwyneth Paltrow and Terrence Howard will play at 1 p.m., Saturday, July 31 at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. Join film expert Jeannie Berg in the Auditorium. For more information, call (623) 930-3573.

The Business Forum Offers Tips on Learning to Read Your Customer's Face and Body Language. Business networking is sure to be fun and productive when The Business Forum meets on Wednesday, August 4 in the large meeting room of Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. The free event is from 5:30-7:15 p.m. This month executive search recruiter Julie Carr Theroux will present "Your Customer's Face and Body Language Speaks Louder than Their Words." Well-known businesswoman Joan Howard is facilitating The Business Forum. Contact her at (602) 725-3246 for more information about the program or to RSVP.

Stop In for Small Business Counseling. No appointments are necessary for "Walk-In Counseling with SCORE" from 12:15-3:45 p.m. on Saturday, August 7 in the small meeting room of Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. The Service Corps of Retired Executives (SCORE) can advise on all areas of business, from start-up information to marketing and accounting concerns. The counseling is free. For more information about SCORE, call (602) 745-7250.

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